GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2272
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CURTAILMENT OF SESSION PERIOD
Madhwaraj Smt. Manorama;Mollah Shri Hannan

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the duration of Sessions/sittings of Parliament are being drastically curtailed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a large number of official bills are pending for consideration of Parliament;

(d) if so, the details thereof;and

(e) the steps being taken to restore the full tenure of Sessions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE AND PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a),(b) & (e): No, Sir. The duration of a session of Parliament is normally decided keeping in view the quantum of Government business likely to be transacted during the session. The actual conclusion of the session is also subject to the exigencies of Government business. Apart from Government business, the various other items are taken up for discussion by the House under various rules governing the procedure and conduct of the Lok Sabha and under the Directions of the Hon`ble Speaker, Lok Sabha.

(c) & (d): Only two Bills viz. (i) The Central Excise Tariff (Amendment) Bill, 2004 and (ii) the Customs and Central Excise Laws (Repeal) Bill, 2004 were pending in the Lok Sabha at the conclusion of the Budget Session, 2004.